

The Motor Cycling Club Ltd
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PETER COOPER. Sadly Peter died last weekend. He had been ill for some time and his devotion to stewarding on the recent very cold Exeter Trial surely did not help but for a man whose whole life seems to have been devoted to motor sport where he had so many friends I am sure he would not have wished it otherwise. Peter spent more than fifty years in motor sport including six years as MSA Chief Executive from 1982 to 1987 and was a long term member of the Motor Sports Council, including a spell as chairman from 1982 to 1985. Further highlights of his achievements included 2nd place in the RAC Rally in 1954, Chairman of Kart Committee, a Steward of vast worldwide experience, FIA World Council member for many years and FISA Vice President d'honneur. His glorious career was officially recognised last year with the Motor Sports Association's Lifetime Achievement award.

We shall all miss him as a friend and for his experience and judgement.

Peter's funeral will be on Tuesday 7th April 2009 at 3.00pm at Taunton Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations can be made to BEN and either sent to A J Wakely & Sons, Chapel House, Hermitage Street, Crewkerne, Somerset TA18 8ES or on the day at the Crematorium.

LANDS END TRIAL: ROUTE DETAILS. ***Will all competitors please note that route details and final paperwork is in the post but meanwhile can be downloaded from the MCC web site.***

<http://www.themotorcyclingclub.org.uk/about/memberspages.htm>

If you experience difficulty doing this please let me know and I will Email you a copy direct.

An important note from the Trial Secretary to all entrants.

I must congratulate competitors this year for the lack of evening phone calls. Food will be available at each start and rest halt. Please support them, for it is only with their support you are there. **Bridgwater** are attempting the big breakfast option this year. **Culbone**, (see separate instructions for parking) will be doing the usual hot sausage/bacon rolls, teas and coffees, soft drinks. I must point out here that they can struggle a bit with serving, as the kitchen is not geared to fast food but everything is home produced from their own piggies, and while it may not be the cheapest, it is surely the best you will get on any trial.

Please try not to bother the Clerk of the Course with questions. He is a busy man and is spending ever increasing amounts of time away from the phone down in Devon or Cornwall.

Please take every opportunity to top up with fuel on the route. The small filling stations mentioned in the route card are depending on you.

Each year I like to think the job gets easier but "elf 'n' safety" and landowners' worries about litigation just make it a losing game. Added to this, over excitement by entrants in the preparation of their forms causes more trouble year on year. The MCC has long been unable to fund crystal balls, so the entry secretary and the event secretary end up having lots of emails and phone calls to make.

Last minute changes of vehicles can be made at the starts. Forms are available for this purpose. If possible, I would like to know changes in advance to the Egger insurance forms. Phone or email as below.

And, finally, the usual message to that hardy band of brothers, the bikes. Well lads, as always I will be opening the course, this year driving a battered old blue and silver Terrano. My main task is to arrive at the sections before you lot. As I have said in the past, it gives the marshals great confidence to think they have got it right and if you arrive before me it causes a certain amount of panic. I will put some distinctive mark on the car so you may recognise it, and please resist the temptation to cut me up!

If you have a problem, call or email me, **Dave Parry, 01823 323 494** deepee.mcc@quicks.eclipse.co.uk

and now two special notes:

Special note for Culbone Stables Inn.

1. A plea from the owner. **PLEASE, PLEASE, NO MUDDY BOOTS ON THE NEW CARPET.**
2. When parking as directed across the road from the Inn, please note the car park has disappeared under pheasant rearing houses. Please only park on one side of the road, do not block the turning space, and remember someone does live in the house on the corner.

And for Beggars Roost After section ends absolutely no stopping until reaching the main road,

2009 SUBS _ FINAL WARNING: If you have not paid your 2009 subs, this will be the last newsletter that you receive. So if there is nothing in your mailbox next week that will probably be the reason why. But despair not, a cheque for £25.00 posted with a covering note to our membership secretary (John Childs, 57 Ash Grove, Wheathampstead, St Albans AL4 8DF) will save the day.